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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Original) A protein containing an amino acid sequence, which is the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, or its salt.

2. (Original) The protein or its salt according to claim 1, which has a GABA transporter activity.

3. (Original) A partial peptide of the protein according to claim 1, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof.

4-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Original) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits a GABA transporter activity, comprising the protein or its salt according to claim 1, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, according to claim 3.

13. (Original) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that promotes or inhibits a GABA transporter activity of the protein or its salt according to claim 1, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof according to claim 3, comprising the protein or its salt according to the claim 1, or the partial peptide, its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, according to claim 3.

14-19. (Cancelled).